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To: In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI

Application No.: 09/812,553

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD**FOR FILING IN THE  
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Group Art Unit: 1763

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**3****Comments:**Attached <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ Supplemental Remarks for the above-identified application.

The following papers are attached:

- a. Supplemental Remarks (2 pages)

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Further to the Request for Reconsideration filed August 26, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

Applicant submits that U.S. Patent No. 6,329,211 to Terumuma et al. and this application were both subject to an obligation of assignment to TDK Corporation of Japan at the time of the invention of the subject matter of this application. Thus, Terumua et al. may not be used as a reference in a §103(a) rejection against this application.

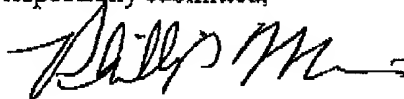
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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